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Army reaches assignment incentive pay milestone

FORT KNOX, Ky. – The U.S. Army Recruiting Command today announced a milestone in the Assignment Incentive Pay program (AIP), which is designed to better place Soldiers where they are needed. Since the program's inception in July of this year, more than 3,000 Soldiers have enlisted for various units with critical shortages, improving the Army's ability to meet current missions at home and abroad.

"The Army guarantees station of choice to many recruits," said Maj. Gen. Michael D. Rochelle, Commanding General of U.S. Army Recruiting Command. "Although a guaranteed station helps recruiting, it often does not place Soldiers directly into the jobs at locations needed to achieve current global commitments. We're pleased with the success of AIP because it's helping to fill priority units while providing extra pay to Soldiers for serving in those units."

Soldiers who enlist for three or more years in a required skill may be eligible to receive AIP payments once they complete initial entry training and report to a designated priority unit. The incentive provides \$400 per month, up to 36 months for a total of up to \$14,400, if the Soldier agrees to be assigned to an Army-designated priority unit with a critical role in current global commitments.

AIP is not an enlistment incentive. Qualified recruits remain eligible for existing incentives such as cash enlistment bonuses of up to \$20,000, as well as the loan repayment program up to \$65,000 or the Army College Fund up to \$71,424.

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